**Statement**

*Salient Features of the Model Cooperatives Act*

(i) *State policy on cooperatives and the principles of cooperation* have been stated in the beginning of the 'Model Act' as a guide to the remaining provisions of the Act and to facilitate the Government of conform to the basic ideology of cooperation.

(ii) *Procedure for registration* of new cooperative is simplified and all artificial restrictions by way of area of operation, economic viability etc., are removed.

(iii) The 'Model Act* gives no *rule-making power* to Government The law itself lays down broad parameters necessary to be observed by cooperatives and leaves all other matters relating to constitution, management and business of the society to be conducted in accordance with its bye-laws.

(iv) The 'Model Act' gives no *power to the Registrar* or the Government to order for any of the following in a cooperatives:—

(a) Supersession of the Board of Directors

(b) Compulsory amalgamation of division of societies

(c) Compulsory amendment of bye-laws

(d) Power to veto/rescind/annul the resolutions of general body of board of directors of a cooperative.

(e) Issue directives.

(v) *Cooperative federation/unions are to assume greater responsibility* towards the member cooperatives, in particular to ensure regular conduct of elections to the Board of Management and timely conduct of annual audit of accounts.

(vi) *The Role of the Registrar* has been confined to the registration and liquidation of cooperatives, conduct of inquiry and in case of default to conduct elections, audit and to convene meeting of general body.

(vii) The Model Act *prohibits cooperatives from accepting funds from the government by way of equity.*

(viii) Special obligations have been imposed on members to ensure the character of cooperative as a member user organisation.

(ix) *Board of Directors have been made accountable* for timely conduct of elections, regular convening of meetings of the managing committee and the general body and for participation therein and for timely conduct of the audit of the books of accounts.

(x) *Model Act prohibits officers of the Government* from working in cooperatives.

(xi) The Model Act provides for the Constitution of Cooperative Tribunals for settlement of disputes and appeals on matters relating to- constitution, management and business of cooperatives and to take cognizance of any offence under the Act.

**Effect of Bhanwari Devi Rape case on Women Volunteers**

2683. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the verdict in Bhanwari Devi rape case of Jaipur

district will have any adverse effects on the women volunteers to take part in the various women development programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI VIMLA VERMA): The Media, Women's Movement and NGOs have strongly reacted to this and aroused social concerns and public opinion in the matter, which lends strength and support to women volunteers.

**इलाहाबाद स्थित उत्तर-मध्य क्षेत्रीय सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र**

**के कर्मचारियों के कम वेतनमान**

2684. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाबाद स्थित उत्तर-मध्य क्षेत्रीय सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र में चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की न्यूनतम शैक्षणिक योग्यताएं तथा उनके वेतनमान क्या-क्या है;

(ख) इसी केन्द्र में कार्यक्रम परिचरों (प्रोग्राम अटैन्डैंट) की न्यून्तम शैक्षणिक योग्यताएं तथा उनके वेतनमान क्या-क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा, इतने कम वेतनमानों के कारण उपर्युक्त कर्मचारियों में व्याप्त असंतोष को दूर करने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जा रहे है?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा)** : (क) उत्तर-मध्याचल सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र में चतुर्थ श्रेणी के पदों के लिए निर्धारित न्यूनतम शैक्षिक योग्यता कक्षा-V उत्तीर्ण हैं । इन पदों का वेतनमान 750-940 रुपये है ।

(ख) कार्यक्रम परिसार के पद के लिए न्यूनतम शैक्षिक योग्यता इंटरमीडिएट उत्तीर्ण है । उक्त पद का वेतनमान 750-940 रुपये हैं ।

(ग) कार्यक्रम परिचर के पद के वेतनमान को संशोधित करने का प्रस्ताव उत्तर-मध्यांचा सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र के विचाराधीन है ।

**No Interest by KRIBHCO in Gas based plant in Tripura**

2685. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 178 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether gas allocation was not done by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas because KRIBHCO had lost interest in the project;

(b) if so, the reasons for the loss of interest;

(c) if not, whether difficult terrain and strengthening of road, has been treated as a sufficient rdason for non-utilisation of gas available in this country for production of Fertilizers; and

(d) the infrastructural cost envisaged in the joint ammonia/urea venture in Oman vis-a-vis the cost involved in improving infrastructure in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) No tangible progress could be made in the implementation of KRIBHCO's proposed project to set up a gas-based 900 tpd ammonia and 1550 tpd urea plant at Ramchandranagar near Agartala in Tripura as the quantity of gas required by KRIBHCO could not be allocated. Infrastructural constraints have also impeded the progress on the project.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 30.7.1994 between the Government of India, KRIBHCO and RCF on the one hand and the Sultanate of Oman and Oman Oil Company on the other hand, highway improvements upto the proposed plant site are to be carried out by the Sultanate of Oman at no 'cost to the other parties to the MOU.

Firmed up cost estimates for improving the infrastructure required for